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Timely Tidbits ...

Seniors Attend Prom, Commencement

The coming week is sure to be a busy one for Romulus High School's class of '98. The Senior Prom, set for June 2, will be followed by the Senior Luncheon on June 5 and Commencement – led by Valedictorian Rebecca Oleszkowicz and Salutatorians Megan Gilliland, Nicole Laskaska, Linda Ryznar, and Amanda Williams – on June 6.

For a complete list of graduates' names, see page 9.

City-wide Sale Offers Bargains Galore!

The City-wide No-fee Rumage Sale weekend – which began on Thursday, May 28 – will continue through Sunday, May 31. (If two or more of the four dates are "rained out," the event will be postponed to the following weekend: June 4–7).

A complete list of sale sites can be found on page 16.

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Candidates Vie for School Board Seats



Ted Armstrong



Debbie Dick



Sheri Hicks

Editor's note: To help voters prepare for the June 8 school election, "the little paper" has profiled all five candidates who are competing for the two available seats on the Board of Education. Candidates were invited to provide as much (or as little) detail as they wished concerning their campaign agendas and personal data. To avoid the appearance of giving anyone preferential treatment, the profiles have been arranged in alphabetical order.

Ted Armstrong

"I know that I'll have a lot to learn, but I'm a quick study," said Theodore "Ted" Armstrong. "I am very open-minded, a good listener, and I will always have our children's best interest at heart."

Armstrong promises that, if he's elected to the Board, his first priority will be urging his colleagues to address the still-unsettled teacher contract.

"Our teachers haven't had a contract since 1994," he stated. "That's not right; no one should have to work under those conditions. There's got to be a happy medium somewhere, and I would commit myself to finding that common ground."

Another key issue for Armstrong is student safety.

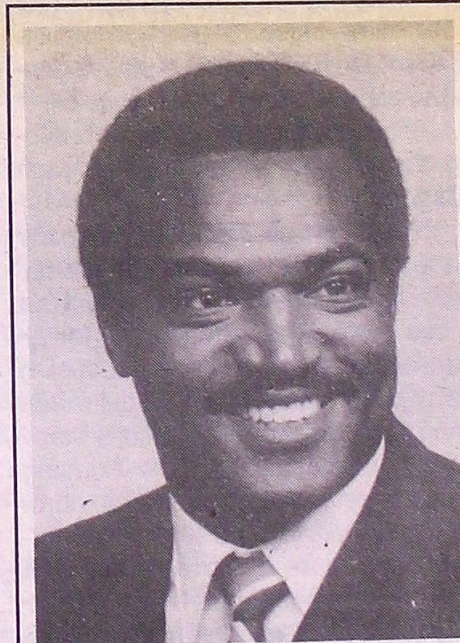
"I'm concerned that our current transportation policy is putting our children in jeopardy," he explained. "I have been told that Romulus school buses do not transport students in grades three and over if they live within a mile of the school and don't have to cross a major thoroughfare to get there."



Alan Lambert

"I don't understand this," Armstrong continued. "Many of our buses are only half full; why not use them? Why are we subjecting our children to needless danger? This is the '90s – no streets are absolutely safe, regardless of the town they're in. During the past year, a number of students have been accosted by strangers during their daily trek to and from school. So far, none of these incidents have proven to be dangerous, but who knows how long our luck will last?"

"Many Romulus parents have to work, and some of them can't afford the expense of having someone drop off and pick up their children every day. Their children shouldn't be forced to walk, unsupervised, through often haz-



Eddie Woods

ardous conditions imposed by inclement weather."

Also among Armstrong's priorities is increasing the number of extracurricular activities available to the district's youth.

"I'd really like to see more after-school and summer programs planned for our kids," he said, "especially those of elementary-school age."

Armstrong feels that one of his assets as a Board member would be the fact that he's *not* a "politician."

"I'm just an average Joe," he declared, "and I believe that I can represent others who have the same needs and concerns that I do."

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The 30-year-old Armstrong has lived in Romulus for 16 years, and graduated from Romulus High School in 1986. For the past eight years, he has been employed at the Ford Motor Company's Wayne Assembly Plant.

He and his wife Debbie have two children: Nichole, age 10, and Dustin, who is eight.

Debbie Dick

"The number-one goal of our community should be to restore unity within our school district," said Debbie Dick, a longtime local resident who says that she's been involved in Romulus Community Schools since her oldest child began kindergarten in 1981. "To begin this process, our teachers need a contract."

Dick expressed concern that the School Board's recent decision to implement its wage offer (a three-percent increase in the salary schedule and an additional two-percent bonus for 1996-1997, as well as a two-percent increase in salary schedule and additional two-percent bonus for 1997-1998) – *without* a contract – will hinder negotiations between the teachers and the district.

"It's not that I don't believe our teachers deserve everything we can afford to give them; I do," Dick explained. "I just think that giving the increase without a contract diminishes both sides' incentive to negotiate an agreement quickly."

Another of Dick's priorities is reducing the number of students in each classroom.

"Although the district has already made a start in this area for grades kindergarten through three, I would like to see more of an effort made for all grades," said Dick. "Clearly, reducing the pupil-to-teacher ratio would mean hiring more teachers – especially since several proposals for new housing projects are sure to increase the number of students in our district in the not-too-distant future. It also may mean that some of the elementaries will have to be enlarged to accommodate the additional classes."

Dick sees the need to realign the job descriptions for some of the district's administrative positions as current administrators retire.

"One group that I am really happy with is the building administrators," Dick stated. "I think that the principals are doing a great job at all levels – elementary, middle school, and high school."

Finally, Dick said that she would push to change the School Board's regular meeting dates (currently set for the second and fourth Monday of each month) to the first and third Monday so that at least one meeting per month will not conflict with the regular meetings of the Romulus City Council. Further, she would encourage the district to televise its Board meetings on cable television.

Among Dick's endorsers are Teamsters Local #214 and the local chapter of the Michigan Education Association (teachers' union).

A 1970 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, Dick has also attended Eastern Michigan University. It was during her days as an EMU student that she began working part-time for the Wayne Recreation Department. In the spring of 1972, a Federal grant allowed the City of Wayne to upgrade her status to full-time recreation supervisor; two years later, she became a full-time City employee. From 1984 to 1989, Dick served as Recreation Director for the City of Romulus – a position which she resumed, under Mayor William Oakley, in 1995.

Dick has been married for 22 years to husband Ron – who, as one of the people working on the final phaseout at Hayes Wheels in Romulus, is among the plant's few remaining employees. The couple has four children: Michele, 21, who will be entering her senior year at Grand Valley State University; Sean, 19, a sophomore at Henry Ford; and eight-year-olds Jessica and Jennifer, who are third-graders at Wick Elementary School.

Sheri Hicks

"I am committed to working hard to make things happen in this district," said Sheri Hicks, "and I am confident that I will offer a voice that is not afraid to challenge the current administration for the better good of all students."

Another parent who has been active in the district since her children entered school, Hicks' list of involvement includes:

- a year of service on the Parent/School/Community Committee, during which she helped to compose the district's "Compact";
- six months as a member of the Curriculum Committee;
- serving as Secretary of the Romulus High School Athletic Booster Club for five years; and
- working with the district's Partnerships in Education program, which strives to link community businesses with the schools (Header Products, Hicks' employer, has generously allowed her to attend the Partnership meetings and activities during business hours).

She also lays claim to fairly regular attendance at Board of Education meetings over the past three years.

"I feel that this has been a good training grounds for learning how the Board operates and for becoming aware of what has been going on in our district," Hicks stated. "Many times, I have questioned or challenged the actions of both the Board and the administration."

Hicks said that one of the first issues she addressed after beginning to

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Home Town Heroes

In the Spotlight: Rebecca Bales

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series of three articles highlighting the life and profession of Romulus High School graduates who have returned this year to teach in the Romulus Community Schools. Featured in this issue is Rebecca Bales, who teaches second grade at Barth Elementary School.)

"I love teaching in Romulus. I feel that I know how the school system 'ticks' because of my previous experiences in education here. My students think it's really cool, too," said Rebecca "Becky" Bales, a first-year teacher at Barth Elementary School. Becky attended elementary, junior-high, and high school in Romulus, graduating from Romulus High School in 1990.

Part of Becky's inspiration to become a teacher came from the teachers she had in school.

"I feel I was blessed to have some of the best teachers that any student could ask for. Romulus teachers were my role models toward education at every level. I would not be a teacher today if I did not have all the positive support of my teachers throughout my education," she proudly proclaimed.

Becky's mother, Carole Bales, was the secretary at Wick Elementary when her daughter was attending Romulus schools. She remembers Becky helping out at the school.

"Becky moved stock, distributed teaching supplies, typed classroom lists, and worked in the office," said Carole.

Becky also has fond memories about those days with her mother, and feels that they gave her an insight into school operations that most students never have a chance to acquire.

School friend and confidant Christine (Stratton) Mink has known Becky for 20 years.

"We started first grade together at Merriman School, and went through each school as friends," Christine recalled. "I always thought she would be a nurse because she carried a first-aid kit around with her all the time. Becky was a serious student, but we had a lot of fun together. I am glad she returned to Romulus as a teacher because I know she will be a great asset to the school district. Just yesterday, she told me how much she loved teaching and



Rebecca Bales, a 1990 graduate of Romulus High School who has returned to her home town to teach, stands with her second-grade students outside Barth Elementary School.

each child in her class. She told me that they are so unique and wonderful.

"Yes, Becky is a great teacher, and I am proud to know her and to have grown up with her," she concluded.

Becky feels that her experiences in the Romulus School District were positive ones, and she enjoyed them very much. She said that the diversity and high level of education provided by the district prepared her for the world of university life and work. It was natural, then, that she returned to her home town to pursue her career after graduating from Eastern Michigan University.

"Romulus is a wonderful school district with outstanding resources for both teachers and students," Becky explained. "I felt that the staff would be willing to lend a helping hand, and, since I first joined the team at Barth, that is exactly what has happened."

On September 3, 1997, Becky greeted her first classroom of students.

"You know, I was excited and enthused, but also a little frightened," she said. "I was not exactly sure that I could teach all of them. It is a monumental responsibility that I do not take lightly."

Eight months later, a now confident and still enthusiastic Becky described

her class as "nice, fun to be with, energetic, and bright." She even boasted, "Already, they're doing multiplication."

Spending time in Becky's classroom is a wonderful experience for the students. The children seem happy and content as they work and learn, feeling relaxed but challenged.

Comments from second-graders Stephanie and Brittney were typical of those from Becky's students when they described what they liked about their teacher: "She teaches us in a nice way, always helping, even with our spelling. She is a nice teacher who is sweet to us," wrote Stephanie. Brittney added, "She is sweet, nice, and friendly, and if you need a hug, she will give you one. She is cool, helps us, and is the best in the school." This positive feeling that emanates from Becky's classroom is due to the educational philosophy that underlies her teaching methods.

When asked what was the best thing about teaching, Becky did not hesitate to answer.

"The kids!" she exclaimed. "I enjoy being around the students on a daily basis. The students have a lot of enthusiasm about learning, which gives me enthusiasm about teaching."

Barth's Principal, Jeffery Royal, is very pleased with the professional job that Becky is doing as a teacher in her school and as a member of the District Climate Committee.

"Ms. Bales shows commitment and dedication to her work," she said. "She challenges her students and makes learning fun. Ms. Bales always goes the 'extra mile' in trying to meet students' needs. It is a pleasure to have her on staff at Barth."

Becky's mentor, physical-education teacher Sheila Stasak, agreed.

"It is great working with new teachers again, especially Becky!" she said. "She brings a lot of inspiration to her classroom and our building. It's obvious that she has the love and respect of her students. Becky has done a great job this year in meeting the various needs of her students, and I feel honored to be working with her as a mentor."

As a student at Romulus High School, Becky was a cheerleader, editor of the yearbook, and active in many clubs, including student government. Today, she is a successful teacher whose enthusiasm, dedication, and fairness make her a "chip off the old block" of her parents, Dan and Carole Bales. □



The Romulus News and Romulus Community Schools salute Ms. Rebecca Bales as one of the many outstanding and dedicated teachers working in our district.



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attend Board meetings was the alteration of the district kindergarten schedule.

"I wanted to stop the changing of the kindergarten class schedule from the former 'five half-days' to the current 'two full-days/one half-day' program," she explained. "I still have strong feelings about this. I campaigned hard to get the parents of these kindergartners to convince the Board to stop this action. That's when I learned that even getting 40 to 50 parents coming to School Board meetings to protest the decision could have no bearing on either the Board or the administration.

"If I'm elected," she continued, "I will ask for documentation to show whether this has been beneficial for the kids, or if their test scores have gone down – something we cannot afford in this district."

Hicks believes that most district employees are doing their best for Romulus children, but is concerned that circumstances could lead their commitment to waver.

"It is my opinion that the current group of school administrators is, overall, the best that Romulus has had in years," she stated. "I know many of them now, and they are some of the hardest working, most dedicated and caring principals that any district could ask for. The same could be said about many of our teachers.

"However, my main concern is this: How long will the teachers remain this way, working without a contract? I don't have a great deal of knowledge about the finances of the district, but I will push to resolve the teacher-contract issue as quickly as possible. This has gone on way too long. Not every city has negotiations that drag on for four to five years. We need to know why this seems to be the norm in our district."

Hicks also commented that, since she announced her candidacy, many people have asked her when Board meetings will be televised on cable.

"That's the same thing I've been asking for over three years," she said, "but it seems to be a very low priority for both the administration and the current Board. I have asked why – with all the one-time-only money from the bond issue – we haven't moved forward with this. There was supposedly a survey done which showed that televising Board meetings had very low priority for school parents. I saw the survey and, the way it was done, I would have put it at a low priority, too. Yet, I believe that there are many people who would be interested in seeing what goes on at these meetings, and that televising them would be a way to increase parental involvement."

Despite her outspokenness about a number of issues, Hicks denied that she has focused only on the negative.

"It may seem like I'm unhappy about many things in our district, but that would not be a true representation of how I really feel," she said. "Sure, I see many areas that I would like to improve on, and feel that I can help accomplish such improvements.

"I also see that this district has made some very positive steps—through the vision of the School Board, district administrators, and many teachers—to improve the overall education of all students here in Romulus. These steps include the alignment of the curriculum from kindergarten through twelfth grade; the use of 'reteaching' teachers who help the students who are just missing their MEAP goals; and striving to increase the amount of parental volunteer time. I support all of these goals and feel that, with everyone's support, we will begin to see test scores improve in our district in the next few years. The increase of our test scores has to stay a priority if we expect to be able to attract new housing to Romulus, and hope to keep property values up."

In closing, Hicks urged voters to consider another candidate, as well.

"Since there are two positions available, I strongly urge the people of Romulus to support the candidacy of Debbie Dick," she stated. "I have known Debbie for many years, and we have sat through many Board meetings together. She is an outstanding candidate and has much to offer to this district. The School Board would benefit immensely from her talents.

"I honestly don't think I have ever seen any of the other candidates at a single meeting," she added. "I personally would feel uncomfortable voting for anyone who has never shown an interest in attending School Board meetings before now."

The 22-year resident of Romulus graduated from Melvindale High School in 1974, and has recently begun taking classes at Henry Ford Community College. She has worked as a customer service and office manager at Header Products for the past 10 years.

Hicks has been married for 22 years to husband Jim, who is currently employed by the City of Romulus Department of Public Works. The couple has three children: Aaron, a 1996 graduate of Romulus High School who is now attending Henry Ford Community College; Ryan, a 1997 graduate who is also a student at Henry Ford; and Brandon, an eighth-grade student at Romulus Middle School.

Alan Lambert

"I have always had an interest in our children's education and what's going on in our schools, but I was never able to serve on the School Board because I had to work the night shift," said Alan Lambert. "Now that I'm finally able

to work days, I want to do my part to make sure our young people get the best education possible."

Lambert is a familiar figure to many local citizens. For more than 17 years, the lifetime Romulus resident has been working to improve his community in one capacity or another, spending seven years on the Romulus City Council (1981 to 1988) and devoting better than a decade as a Romulus police officer. In fact, public service seems to be in the Lamberts' blood: brother Russell was also a member of the Romulus City Council, and father Daniel was active in the 1960s and '70s.

Lambert said that his first priority would be a teacher contract.

"We have to get back to the single most important thing: getting the best education for our children," he declared. "That's why I believe that a contract has to be negotiated soon."

School taxes are another big issue for Lambert.

"I want to take a serious look at the possibility of reducing our taxes to give taxpayers some relief," Lambert stated. "I think we could cut back on a mil or two and still survive."

Lambert also would like to see Board meetings aired on cable television in the near future.

"I think that most parents have a genuine interest in and concern about our district's affairs," he said. "Unfortunately, hectic schedules and child-care difficulties make it almost impossible for many of them to spend an evening at the Board office. By televising the meetings, we can make it easier for parents to stay informed about what's happening in our schools, and that will, in turn, encourage their further involvement in the district."

Lambert feels that his ongoing contact with the residents of Romulus has given him an insight into their concerns.

"As a police officer, I get a chance to talk with a lot of different people in our town: students, parents, and businessmen and -women," he explained. "It's given me the opportunity to take the pulse of the community, so to speak."

Another asset that Lambert believes he would bring to the Board is his previous experience as a member of City Council.

"I'm already familiar with the machinery of government," said Lambert. "I have seven years of experience in establishing workable budgets, making difficult policy decisions, and trying to find the best method of accommodating the needs of the majority. I know that I can make good use of that experience for the Romulus Community Schools and the people of our community."

Among those endorsing Lambert are the local chapter of the Michigan Education Association (teachers' union)

and various other district employees (including Local #64).

The 43-year-old Lambert, who graduated from Romulus High School in 1973, has attended both Wayne County and Schoolcraft community colleges, although he has not yet earned a degree. He was formerly employed by General Motors before going to work for the Romulus Police Department.

Lambert's children are Cary (22), Sara (20), Jennifer (17), and Justin (11).

Eddie Woods

"My overall goal as a member of the Romulus Board of Education would be to work effectively with parents, teachers, administrators, and other Board members to improve our schools for all students," said Eddie Woods (not to be confused with current Board member Michael Woods, to whom he is not related).

Getting the community at large involved in a commitment to higher academic achievement is the key to our students' future success, Woods feels.

"We must prepare our children to become responsible citizens as adults," he said. "They need a practical education that will enable them to go out into the world to work and raise a family. To achieve this, we need everyone's input.

"Although I commend our teachers for their efforts to improve our children's MEAP scores, we must help them find better measuring sticks to evaluate students' performance and put more emphasis on the skills necessary to successfully complete the all-important SAT and ACT tests and college entrance exams.

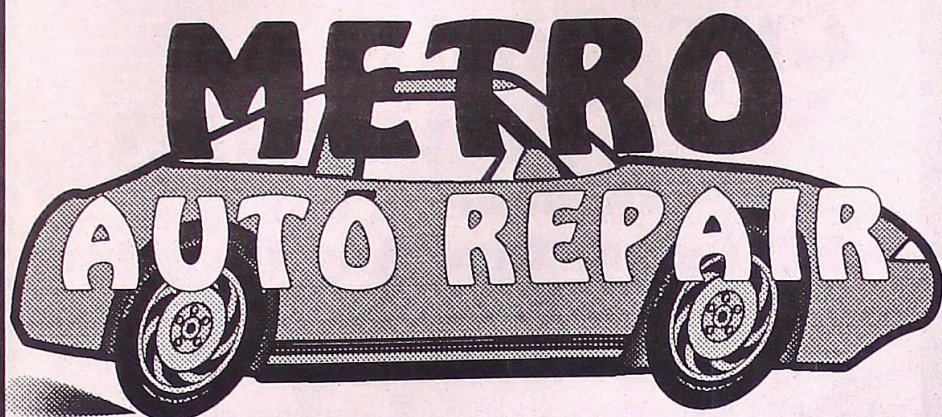
"Administrators and Board members can do their part by working toward smaller class sizes," he continued. "Right now, in spite of our teachers' best efforts, some of our students are falling behind due to overcrowded classes, yet empty rooms are available just down the hall. We need to hire new teachers to fill these rooms and divide our student population into smaller, more manageable groups.

"Finally, local businesses also need to become more involved in our young people's education. Although the district already has an established school-business partnership, we need to make it even better by recruiting more participants and developing more innovative programs. Co-op training and mentoring projects are essential in preparing students for a successful career."

Woods, a computer systems analyst with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems, realizes how important technology will be to our children as they grow up and enter the work force.

"If our young people are to be competitive when they enter the job market,

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The 1950s enjoyed a brief return to life when the Romulus Community Committee hosted its first City-wide activity. The '50s theme generated a great deal of enthusiasm and energy.

Dance chairperson Alfaye Woods spoke on behalf of the Committee when she welcomed more than 100 guests and performers to the festive gathering.

"We are so happy and proud that you would join us tonight with your dancing shoes ready," Woods announced. "Also, I can assure you that tonight's entertainment, the Earth Angels, will have you clapping and moving your feet as they recall memories of those great songs of the '50s."

And entertained they were, as the award-winning and very talented Earth Angels danced and pantomimed to a variety of '50s and '60s rock-and-roll hits. Nineteen boys and girls aged nine through 15 performed to more than 20 songs, demonstrating their choreographed dance numbers, authentic costumes, and plenty of hand clapping, song singing, and dance fever. Fre-

quently, these friendly and dedicated young people would invite a member of the audience to join in their routine. Before long, everyone was smiling, singing, and remembering those golden years of the '50s.

An added attraction was the two "clean and mean" antique cars on display during the event. Many couples took time from their dancing to visit the famous convertibles of yesteryear and have a picture taken with their favorite car. Door prizes – donated by Hair Sensations Unisex Salon and Bilal's Barber Shop in Romulus – were given out, as were plenty of hot dogs, pop, and other refreshments.

All in all, such a wonderful time was had by all that plans are already in the works to stage a comeback next year.

"We believe tonight's dance proved that our community can and will come together for a social night of entertainment, refreshments, and dancing," said Woods. "We intend to make this dance an annual affair, making it even bigger and better each year." □

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they have to be more than computer literate; they must be *on top of* technology," Woods explained. "That's why we must continue our commitment to provide them with the very latest equipment for their studies. I believe that our district should put more emphasis on leasing computers instead of buying them because today's breakthrough technology is often obsolete tomorrow."

Woods also would like to find ways to improve students' chances to earn academic and athletic scholarships.

"Romulus has some of the best athletes in the State, but – despite the fine efforts of our athletic director, counselors, and teachers – many are not making the cut when it comes to garnering scholarship money for college," Woods stated.

"One thing that we can do to improve this situation is to make an earlier start in preparing students for the competition they'll face. We need to get students involved in organized athletics at a younger age; make sure they know ahead of time what will be expected of them academically; and help them plan their curricula to insure completion of the core classes required by good colleges and universities.

"Perhaps we could model all our district's athletic programs after the foot-

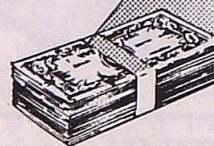
ball program at the High School," Woods suggested. "The overall grade-point average of our football players has consistently increased over the past few years, and much of that success is due to policies implemented by the program's coaches. We need to hire other coaches who will take as much of an interest in developing the whole student – athletics and academics – as these fine people have."

Despite his busy schedule, Woods finds plenty of time to devote to others. Besides being an ordained minister and serving on the administrative board at Saint City Church in Romulus, he:

- founded a Young Men For Christ youth program in Romulus;
- founded, and serves as President for, the Saint City Inter-Faith Youth Basketball League in Romulus;
- serves as President of the Young People Willing Workers of Greater Detroit for the Second Ecclesiastic Jurisdiction of Southwest Michigan; and
- served on the Board of Directors of, and as Athletic Director for, the Romulus Flyers.

Woods has been married for 19 years, and has lived in Romulus for the past eight. He and his wife have three children currently enrolled in Romulus Community Schools. □

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Barth Students Taken to Court



Judge Tina Brooks Green lets Barth student Johnathan McKinney wear special goggles that impair a person's ability to perform simple tasks. The judge wanted students to experience how alcohol effects a person.

Since the best way to learn about something is to experience it, Barth Elementary School resource teacher Suzanne Snyder took her students to the 34th District Court to see our judicial system in action.

"I was a juror in Judge Tina Brooks Green's courtroom," Snyder explained. "When I told my students about the experience, they wanted to see it for themselves."

The 16 youngsters from Barth arrived early enough for Court Administrator Russ Franzeu to show everyone around the courthouse. Franzeu told the students that the Court has three judges serving the cities of Romulus and Belleville as well as the townships of Huron, Sumpter, and Van Buren. He also explained that the more than \$4 million which the Court takes in per year is returned to the cities, townships, County, and State.

"A lot of the Court's fees go to public libraries to help fund their programs," he added.

After the tour, students quietly

moved to Judge Green's courtroom to get a firsthand look at the judicial process. When there was a break in her duties, Green welcomed her special guests, answered their questions — and took the opportunity to teach the students a lesson. Using special goggles which impair a person's sight, the judge gave each student the opportunity to experience the effects of alcohol without actually drinking it. Finally, a young man who was in Court for impaired driving asked the Judge if he could speak to the students.

"I drove after drinking, and I am ashamed to be here today," the man confessed. "Please, never drink — but if you must, then do not drive," he pleaded.

The students left the building with a better understanding of what a judge does and how a court works. Both Snyder and the students were thankful that Court Administrator Franzeu and Judge Tina Brooks Green could find the time to explain the judicial system to them. It is a lesson they will not soon forget. □



Snyder and her students pause at the entrance to the 34th District Court before entering to tour the complete facility.

Hold the Alcohol This Prom Season, Auto Club Advises Young Drivers



The presence of this car on the lawn of Romulus High School gives students and citizens a sobering reminder of what could happen if they combine the consumption of alcohol with the operation of a motor vehicle. The message is a simple one: When it comes to drinking and driving, **JUST DON'T!**

This prom season, teens can choose what their future will be by refusing to drink and drive, says AAA Michigan. Underage drinking is not only dangerous – it's illegal.

Consider these facts: In 1996, 2,119 drinking drivers under age 21 were involved in alcohol-related crashes in Michigan. Fifty-seven of those drivers were killed; 975 were injured.

More food for thought . . .

- Statistics show that alcohol-related motor-vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for youths who can legally drive.
- Michigan kids are ranked fourth highest in the Nation for drinking and driving.
- A young person under the legal drinking age is nearly twice as likely to die in an alcohol-related crash as an adult over 21.
- The majority of alcohol-involved crashes among youths are likely to happen after 11 p.m. on weekends and involve speeding.

"Even low levels of alcohol consumption involve risk," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "After one drink, a driver's judgment, reaction time, and coordination begin to be affected."

Why is driving dangerous when alcohol is consumed?

- Fine motor skills become difficult to use, especially during steering and braking.
- Routine things surprise you.
- Vision becomes blurred and focusing is difficult.
- The urge to sleep is strong, making it difficult to remain alert.
- Risk-taking increases with alcohol use.

According to Michigan's "zero-tolerance" law, underage drinking is strictly prohibited. If the alcohol test shows you've been drinking, you will:

- lose your license for 30 to 90 days;
- pay up to \$250 in fines and/or
- perform up to 45 days of community service;
- have 4 points added to your driving record;
- pay as much as \$2,000 in attorney fees; and
- find that your insurance premium will increase.

Students can still enjoy this prom and graduation season fully – without consuming alcohol. AAA Michigan encourages students to celebrate the "grand occasion" with the use of nonalcoholic beverages. □

LEAPFROG

Write the word(s) that fits definition #1 into the correspondingly numbered box. Next, drop one letter and anagram (rearrange) the remaining letters to find the answer to definition #2. Perform the same drop-a-letter/anagram procedure on word #2 to arrive at the answer to definition #3. Place the first dropped letter in the space to the left of answer #1 and the second in the space to the right of answer #3. Repeat this process on each line of the puzzle. If the puzzle is done correctly, the dropped letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out a timely phrase.

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	37	38	39	
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	43	44	45	

DEFINITIONS

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| 1. Romulus Board of Education Trustee Judie | 25. Administers a tranquilizer |
| 2. A martial art | 26. Made fun of; mocked |
| 3. Finished | 27. Satisfied to an excess |
| 4. Speaks grandiloquently | 28. Parade entry |
| 5. Performs surgery | 29. Urban apartment |
| 6. Bristol, Boston, or Barcelona, for example | 30. His wife was turned into a pillar of salt |
| 7. Naval rank | 31. Edgar Allan Poe's <i>The Fall of the House of</i> _____ |
| 8. Cash | 32. Elizabeth _____, star of <i>The Saint</i> |
| 9. Captain of Jules Verne's <i>Nautilus</i> | 33. That woman |
| 10. After-dinner treat | 34. Molasses |
| 11. Navigates | 35. A dry red wine |
| 12. Aspens or poplars, for instance | 36. Transparent |
| 13. Kitchen tool | 37. Inventors are always trying to build a better one |
| 14. Mute | 38. Located closer to the head of the river |
| 15. Queues | 39. Intentionally damages or contaminates; meddles |
| 16. Overseas | 40. Come apart, as knitting |
| 17. Room's partner | 41. _____ equinox |
| 18. Dull; colorless | 42. Umbilicus |
| 19. Baby toy | 43. Gorge; canyon |
| 20. Wide-awake; open-eyed | 44. Gullible |
| 21. James _____ Jones | 45. Conceited |
| 22. Newspaper item | |
| 23. Took air into the lungs | |
| 24. Boone or Webster | |

For solution, see page 15

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "OLESZKOWICZ"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in OLESZKOWICZ (the name of our outgoing Board of Education President and her Valedictorian daughter)? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Plurals formed by the addition of "s" or "es," proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, slang and informal words, poetic words, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

Our list of 45 words can be found on page 15

RHS Class of 1998

Thirteen years of perseverance will pay off on Saturday, June 6, 1998, when members of the senior class at Romulus High School attend their graduation ceremony and receive their hard-earned diplomas. We congratulate them on a job well done, and hope that their futures are filled with happiness and success.

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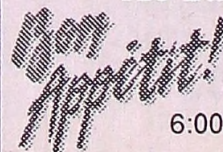
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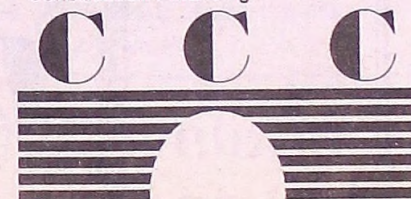
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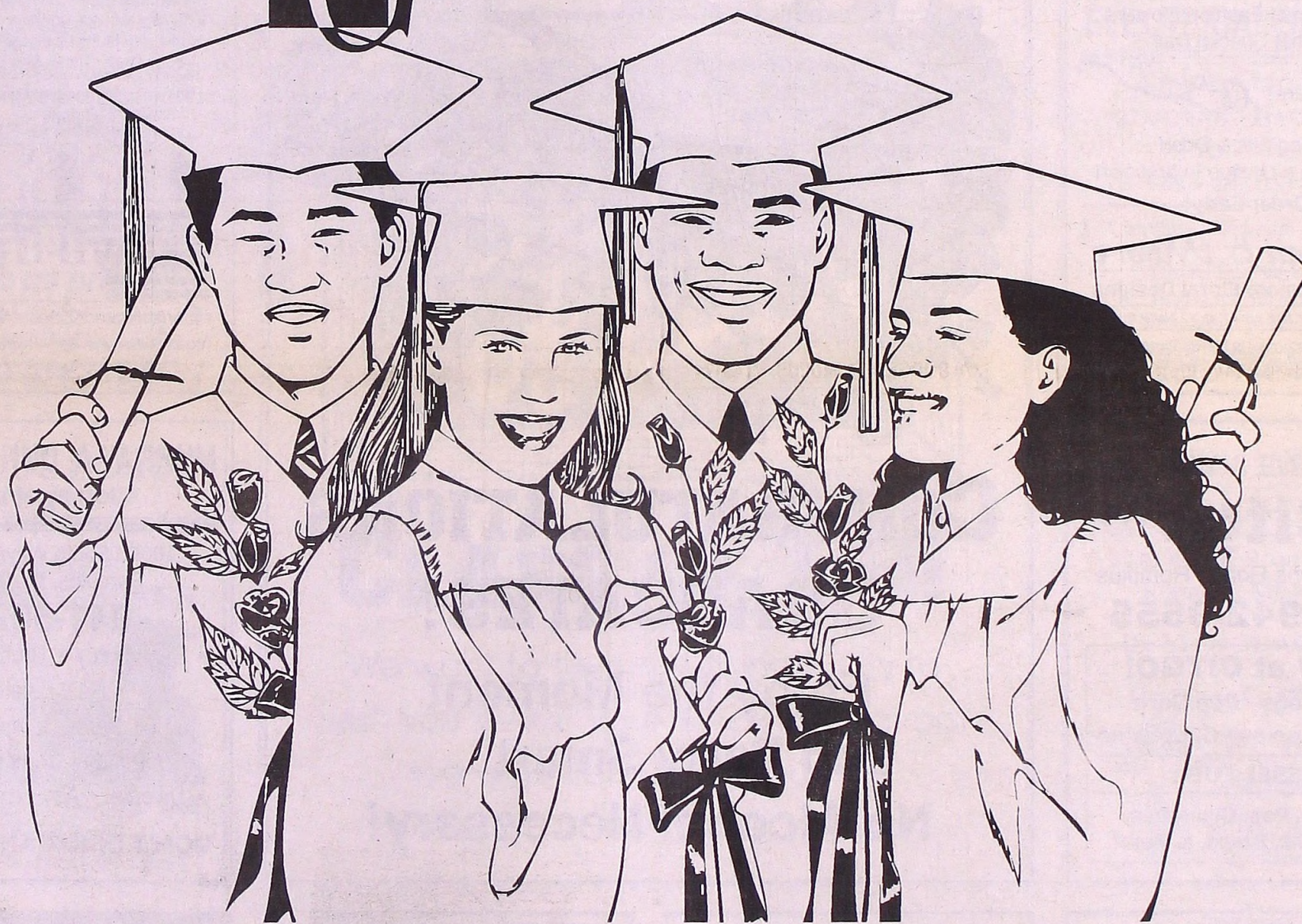
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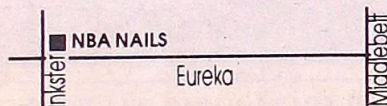
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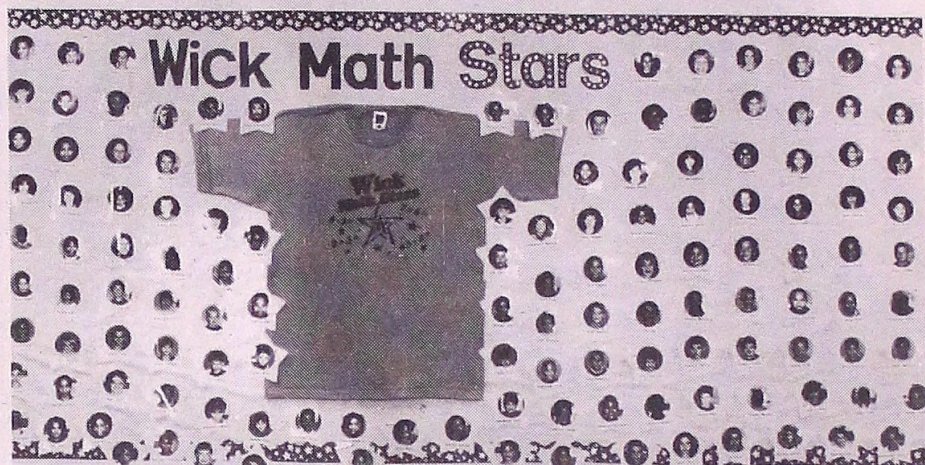
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Show and Tell Develops Kindergarten Language Skills



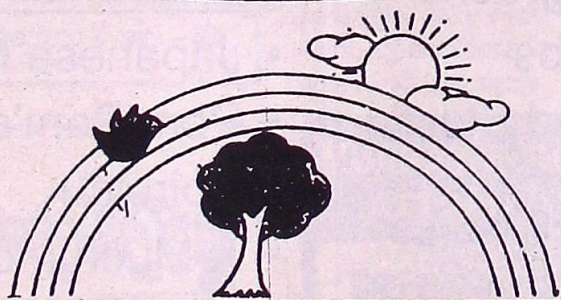
Ashlee Camarata brought her dog to school for Show and Tell. She told the children how her family got him from the Humane Society, and how they take care of their dog and teach him tricks, too!

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listen to others, and pose and answer questions. These are skills they will need as they progress through their school years and eventually become contributing members of the community in which they live. □

RMS Students Honored



Romulus Middle School's "Students of the Month" for April.

Romulus Middle School teachers selected a total of 28 students to receive a "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance during the month of April.

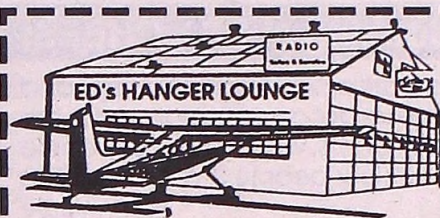
Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement and a Romulus Middle School "Bulldog" ink pen. Parents in attendance were given an RMS Student of the Month "Bulldog" mug to recognize their support of the students. With what will hopefully be a beautiful (hot) summer in mind, everyone enjoyed ice-cream sundaes.

Middle School Principal Ed Clark would like to congratulate the following Romulus Middle School Students of the Month (April): Sheila Adams, Ronald Buckley, Sandy Chiu, Heather Clark, Richard Davidson, Beonka Dreher, Stephanie Durtka, Ashley Fairbanks, Sarah Gray, Brandon Hicks, Varonica Howard, Thomas Hughes, Rayshaun Jones, Qiana Lindsey, Jolene McBride, Andrew McNeil, Tasha Mullins, Elizabeth Murphy, Erica Ochs, Brandon Pifer, Antoinette Price, Amanda Rohde, De-Juan Rusan, John Schenavar, Lawrence Stephens, Bethany Swauger, Natasha Tao, and Sherie Yharbough. □

NHS Honors Halecreek Students



Congratulations to Halecreek sixth-graders Kevin Kucharski, Ashley Gshwender, Marissa Wilson, Timothy Lewis, Jerad Kiser, and (not pictured) Aaron King, who were honored for their hard work and dedication to scholastic achievement at a National Honors Society assembly held at the High School on May 5. Congratulations also are due to the parents of these bright youngsters for accepting their responsibility in the education process and supporting the children in their studies, allowing them to make such outstanding progress.



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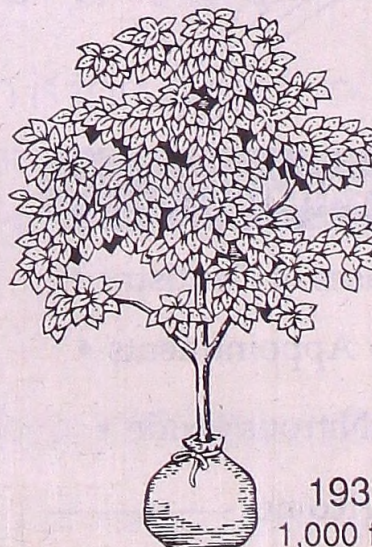
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Romulus Still Home of First-division Bands

On Saturday, May 2, the Romulus Middle School Symphonic Band received a First Division Rating at the State Band and Orchestra Festival, held at Warren Woods-Tower High School. In the prepared-music part of the festival, in which bands focus on three selections, the Symphonic Band received 14 As and one B+, one of the district's highest ratings ever at the State level.

This event marked the first time that almost all the schools from Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties performed at one site for the State Festival.

The return to first-division status was most welcome, since the Symphonic Band had its 17-year streak of first-division ratings broken at the District Festival-level last year. The first-division rating, however, was the band's twentieth in 21 appearances over the years. This compares very favorably with the overall State average of ap-

proximately 33% first-division ratings at State Festivals.

Richard Kruse, Band Director, was extremely impressed with the students' performance and congratulated them on their high rating, especially since they were competing against some very strong groups.

Director Kruse would like to thank Middle School Principal Ed Clark, Assistant Principal Chris Powers, and the entire Middle School staff, as well as the many band parents who supported the students throughout the school year. He also wishes to acknowledge Dr. William Bedell, Superintendent, and the Romulus Board of Education for the concern and special help they have accorded the district's band program over the past several years, allowing Romulus Community Schools to again take its place among the top programs in the State. □

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answers to puzzles from page 8

LEAPFROG:

- 1) Gondek; 2) kendo; 3) done
 - 4) perorates; 5) operates; 6) seaport
 - 7) Yeoman; 8) money; 9) Nemo
 - 10) dessert; 11) steers; 12) trees
 - 13) utensil; 14) silent; 15) lines
 - 16) abroad; 17) board; 18) drab
 - 19) rattle; 20) alert; 21) Earl
 - 22) headline; 23) inhaled; 24) Daniel
 - 25) sedates; 26) teased; 27) sated
 - 28) float; 29) loft; 30) Lot
 - 31) Usher; 32) Shue; 33) she
 - 34) treacle; 35) claret; 36) clear
 - 37) mousetrap; 38) upstream;
 - 39) tampers
 - 40) unravel; 41) vernal; 42) navel
 - 43) ravine; 44) naive; 45) vain
- "graduates are our / keys to the future"
- YOU'LL FIND IT IN "OLESZKOWICZ":**
- clew, coil, coke, cook, cool, cowl, isle, kilo, lice, lick, like, loci, lock, look, lose, lwei, oleo, olio, ooze, scow, sick, silk, silo, size, skew, slew, sloe, slow, sock, soil, sole, solo, wick, wile, wise, woke, wool, close, loose, scowl, slice, slick, cookie, sickle, sizzle

Cory Hosts Kindergarten Round Up



During Cory School's Kindergarten Round Up, Romulus School Nurse Ruth Fairchild (right) interviewed parent Sonya Ingle while Ingle's son Charles looked on patiently. The Round Up program, designed to get incoming kindergartners registered early, is currently underway at all district elementaries. It gives parents an opportunity to receive important health and readiness information, and to find out whether their child needs pre-kindergarten training. To qualify for the 1998-1999 kindergarten year, a child must be five years old on or before December 1, 1998. Parents who wish to participate in the early registration are urged to bring their child's immunization records at the time of the Round Up, although having the records is not necessary for completing the rest of the registration process.

RHS Students Win Airline Tickets

Romulus High School's annual "Student of the Month" airline-ticket giveaway was held on Tuesday, May 19, in the High School cafeteria. The airline ticket drawing is always the highlight of the year for the students who have been recognized for their outstanding academic and behavioral achievements.

Tara Brown, a ninth grader, was the winner of the two airline tickets.

Also awarded were one \$100 savings bond and ten \$50 bonds. Mubbeena Ammad (grade 9), JoAna Moton (grade 11), Sharice Carter (grade 10), Brooke Thompson (grade 10), Linda Ryznar (grade 12), Tara Brown (grade 9), LeNeda Davis (grade 11), Crystal Davidson (grade 11), and Brandi Givson (grade 12) were the \$50 bond winners; Princess Walker (grade 9) received the \$100 bond.

Romulus High School would like to express its sincere thanks to the following sponsors, whose generosity allowed 230 of the 280 students recognized this year to receive a \$50 savings bond: Belleville Die Shop; C & C Trailer Service; Chem/Central Detroit; Dale Kennedy Warehouse, Inc.; Daly Drive-In; Downriver Pest

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Combined with previous years' totals, Romulus High School and the program's sponsors have awarded \$186,900 to students. □

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Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours.

Park Reservations

The Romulus Recreation Department continues to take rental reservations for Elmer Johnson Park's pavilion. Cost is \$35 per day for families; \$50 per day for businesses. Call 942-6852 for more information.

Tennis Clinics

The Romulus Recreation Department, in conjunction with the United States Tennis Association, will offer free tennis clinics for ages five through adult on Saturday, May 30.

Clinics will be divided into the following groups: ages five to seven (10 to 10:30 a.m.), grades three and four (10:30 to 11:30 a.m.), grades five through eight (12:30 to 2:30), and high school through adult (2:30 to 4:30 p.m.).

Participants should bring a container of water, and come equipped with racquet and tennis shoes. Balls will be provided. Advance registration is required by Friday, May 29.

Tennis Lessons

Tennis lessons for all ages will begin the week of June 1 according to the following schedule (note: class times may be changed, depending upon the number of students):

Elementary-age Students (Mondays and Wednesdays)

- Beginners (6 to 7 p.m.),
- Intermediate (7 to 8 p.m.), and
- Advanced (8 to 9 p.m.).

Middle School-age through Adult (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

- Beginners (6 to 7 p.m.),
- Intermediate (7 to 8 p.m.), and
- Family (8 to 9 p.m.).

Cost for the five-week session is \$25 per student. Balls will be provided. Registration deadline is Friday, May 29.

Junior Golf Membership

Young golfers (ages eight to 16) are invited to sign up for summer membership (June 22–September 7) at the Woodlands Golf Course and enjoy great benefits! For more information, call Curtis George (729-3812) or the Recreation office.

Golf Lessons

The Romulus Recreation Department is looking for groups of three to four (any age) who would like to participate in group golf lessons starting in June. Days and times will be established to fit the students' convenience. Cost of the five-lesson series is \$70 (balls not included). For more information, contact the Recreation office.

Summer Recreation I

The annual Summer Recreation programs for elementary-age students will be held at Coleman Center, Fernandez Park, and Cory, Halecreek, Mt. Pleasant, and Merriman schools from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Monday through Thursday beginning June 29 and continuing through August 13.

As in the past, special trips will be scheduled for Fridays (beginning July 10); however, the cost of these trips is not included in the basic registration fee of \$25 per child (\$40 for two family members; \$60 for three or more).

Summer Recreation II

Students who will be in grades seven through 10 as of September 1998 are invited to participate in a separate Summer Recreation program which will be held at the Middle School each Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. between June 22 and August 6. Pick-up and drop-off sites will be established throughout the City for students who need transportation to the Middle School.

As in the past, special trips will be scheduled for most Fridays; however, the cost of these trips is not included in the basic registration fee of \$25 per child (\$40 for two family members; \$60 for three or more).

"Hometown Celebration"

The City's two-day "Hometown Celebration," set for July 3–4, will begin with a parade that will begin at City Hall at 6 p.m. on Friday. All local groups and organizations are invited to take part. (To find out more about participating, call the Recreation office.)

On Saturday, an entire day of family-style fun has been planned (watch for details in future issues of "the little paper"); fireworks, which will begin at about 10 p.m., will finish things off with a bang!

Horseshoe Club

The Romulus Horseshoe Club – which meets on Tuesday evenings at Elmer Johnson Park – is currently seeking new members. For more information, please contact James Norville at 422-7530. □

ATTENTION, BARGAIN HUNTERS!

Approximately 110 households and organizations are taking part in a City-wide "rummage sale" which began Thursday, May 28, and will continue through Sunday, May 31. (If two or more of the four dates are rained out, the event will be postponed to the following weekend: June 4–7.) This "bargain bonanza" was organized by the City of Romulus, which offered residents no-fee permits to encourage participation. For your convenience, the City compiled a list of sale sites, organizing it by geographic area to make possibly unfamiliar streets easier to find.

Numbers in parentheses refer to sale dates:

1=Thurs., May 28; 2=Fri., May 29; 3=Sat., May 30; 4=Sun., May 31

Inkster Rd. Near Northline Rd.
11364 Inkster (1, 2, 3, 4)

Inkster Rd. Near Eureka Rd.
15738 Inkster (1, 2, 3)

Oakbrook Subdivision
15447 Anthony (1, 2, 3, 4)
15486 Anthony (3)
30260 Cherry (3, 4)
30549 Cherry (1, 2, 3, 4)
30766 Dorset (2, 3)
30729 Halecreek (3, 4)
15314 Harriet (1, 2, 3, 4)
30523 Leroy (3, 4)

15436 Oakbrook (1, 2, 3, 4)
16431 Oakbrook (3, 4)
30000 Spain (2, 3, 4)
30235 Spain (1, 2, 3, 4)

Halecreek Subdivision Area
28573 Burning Tree (3, 4)
16006 Dodge (1, 2, 3, 4)
28531 Halecreek (2, 3, 4)
28706 Halecreek (3)
13575 Harrison (1, 2, 3, 4)
16349 Hollywood (1, 2, 3, 4)
16365 Hollywood (1, 2, 3, 4)
28352 Leroy (1, 2, 3, 4)
28595 Leroy (1, 2, 3, 4)
15873 Ridgebrook (3, 4)

Middlebelt Rd./Pennsylvania Rd. Area
16801 Middlebelt (1, 2, 3, 4)
30990 Pennsylvania (1, 2, 3, 4)

Huron Estates Subdivision
37512 Castle (1, 2, 3, 4)
37613 Castle (2, 3)
38321 Castle (2, 3, 4)
14161 Conover (1, 2, 3, 4)
14137 Conover (1, 2, 3)
15600 Huron River Drive (1, 2, 3, 4)
38524 Wade (1, 2, 3)
38701 Wade (3, 4)
37457 Walnut (2, 3, 4)
38131 Walnut (2, 3, 4)
38242 Westvale (1, 2, 3, 4)

Hannan Rd./Huron River Dr. Area
39342 Chase (2, 3)
13349 Hannan (1, 2, 3, 4)
37511 Huron River Drive (1, 2, 3, 4)
39213 Huron River Drive (1, 2, 3, 4)
39300 Huron River Drive (2, 3, 4)

Hannan Rd. to Wayne Rd., South of Wick Rd.
9121 Cogswell (1, 2, 3, 4)
9515 Cogswell (1, 2, 3)
34280 McBride (1, 2, 3, 4)
36881 McBride (1, 2, 3, 4)
37309 McBride (1, 2)
9205 Hannan (1, 2, 3, 4)
36845 Herman (1, 2, 3, 4)
10275 Ozga (3, 4)
9320 Tobine (2, 3, 4)
9505 Tobine (1, 2, 3, 4)
37600 Tyler (1, 2, 3, 4)

Ecorse Rd. to Van Born Rd., Wayne Rd. to Inkster Rd.

31921 Beverly (2, 3, 4)
34139 Beverly (1, 2, 3, 4)
35351 Beverly (1, 2, 3)
7292 Burton (2, 3)
35209 Ecorse (1, 2, 3, 4)
6079 Edmund (2, 3)
29031 Joan (1, 2, 3, 4)
6585 Merriman (1, 2, 3, 4)
27682 Newcastle (1, 2, 3, 4)
6935 Sargent (1, 2, 3, 4)
35625 Vinewood (2, 3)

Shady Hollow Golf Course Area
Birch Run Co-op Townhouses (3, 4)
8966 Grover (3, 4)
8975 Grover (2, 3, 4)
8267 Wahrman (3, 4)
7860 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)
8794 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)
8802 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)
9322 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)
35011 Wick (1, 2, 3, 4)
35245 Wick (2, 3, 4)
35640 Wick (1, 2, 3)

Wayne Rd. Near McDonald's Area
9333 Biddle (1, 2, 3)
9360 Biddle (1, 2, 3, 4)
9264 Chamberlain (1, 2, 3)
9357 Chamberlain (1, 2, 3)
9465 Chamberlain (1, 2, 3, 4)
9294 Essex (1, 2, 3, 4)
9672 Essex (2, 3)
9341 Lisa (3, 4)
9413 Lisa (1, 2, 3, 4)
9747 Lisa (2, 3, 4)
34345 Lynn (3, 4)
34360 Lynn (1, 2, 3, 4)
35135 Lynn (1, 2, 3)
9717 Michael (2, 3, 4)
34808 Stewart (1, 2)
9455 Terry (1, 2, 3, 4)
9298 Washington (3, 4)
9416 Washington (2, 3, 4)
9448 Washington (1, 2, 3, 4)
9681 Washington (1, 2, 3)

Downtown Romulus Area
11156 Gabriel
36904 Goddard (1, 2, 3, 4)
37578 Huron River Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)
37043 Mario Ann Ct. (2, 3, 4)
11549 Moore (1, 2)
Community United Methodist Church (3)
11940 Olive (1, 2, 3)
36735 Porter (1, 3)
36831 Porter (1, 2, 3, 4)
36886 Porter (1, 2, 3, 4)
37065 Porter (2, 3, 4)
39124 Romulus (1, 2, 3)
11439 St. Aloysius (1, 2, 3, 4)
11314 Wahrman (1, 2, 3, 4)
12080 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in June: Jerlene Alred, Geraldine Eldred, Ethel Heady, Norbert Kolbe, Doris Mackie, Eva Nash, Joseph Scibilia, and Pearl Wilks.

Coming Up in June

Among the special events that the

month is the monthly senior luncheon. June's luncheon will feature a "Tie One On" contest (prizes for oldest looking, most colorful, and most unique tie); results of the second annual hug contest (tally sheets available at the Center) will be announced, as well.

Check the Center's June newsletter for the luncheon date, or call 942-6852.

"National Night Out"

Romulus Crime Prevention Officer Joe Richardson and Senior Program Coordinator Linda Norman are in the process of planning a coed "sleep-over" – to be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, August 4 – in recognition of the National Association of Town Watch's annual "National Night Out" program. The unique crime- and drug-prevention program promises to be a night full of fun; a cookout breakfast will wrap up the event on the following morning.

"National Night Out" is designed to heighten crime- and drug-prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals, letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Last year's "National Night Out" event generated participation in 9,250 communities from all 50 states, the U.S. territories, Canada, and military bases worldwide. In all, more than 30 million people were involved.

The Senior Center is currently seeking donations for the sleep-over, as well as the loan of "safe" cots and blowup mattresses to use that night. Anyone willing to lend such items to the Senior Center should contact Linda Norman at 942-6852.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852. (Please note: Deposits insure your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to either the City of Romulus or the tour company.)

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- **Soaring Eagle Casino**
(Wed., Jul. 22; \$20)
- **"Phantom of the Opera" (Marshall)**
(Wed., Aug. 26; \$53)
- **Appalachian Adventure**
(Tue.–Fri., Oct. 6–9; \$403)
- **Soaring Eagle Casino**
(Wed., Nov. 4; \$20)

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); exercise (Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); and pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

Commodities Available at the Center

The Romulus Senior Center will be distributing commodities to qualified individuals on the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pre-registration (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; bring proof of income) is required. Next date: June 18.

"Bingo" Transportation Offered

The Romulus Progressive Hall, in cooperation with the City of Romulus, will continue to offer affordable (\$1.50 per evening) transportation service to any Romulus senior who wishes to attend the club's weekly bingo games, held each Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, please call either John Hadyniak (941-8968) or Bob Presler (941-2959) after 5 p.m.

Chore Services for Seniors

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Services Agency is now offering a chore service for senior citizens. Since the program is funded, in part, by the Senior Alliance, a donation is requested for services received. For more information, please call 313-843-2550 or 734-942-6852. □

Grilling for a Healthy Summer

By Florine Mark, President and CEO of the WW Group, Inc.

In March, I offered the idea of an indoor picnic to welcome the season of spring. Since then, we've experienced many seasonal changes and summer is in the air! Beautiful flowers are in full bloom, the smell of freshly cut grass is everywhere, and the brighter and warmer rays of the sun are sure signs that cabin fever is a thing of the past! After being closed in for the long winter months, then enduring the rainy and unpredictable spring weather, it's time to step out-

side, stretch, and take in all of nature's beauty! Enjoy a picnic (or two or three) – grill on the deck in the backyard or in the neighborhood park. Take time to relax in the company of family and friends as you unwind to the warm breeze and the sound of the tree-leaves rustling.

We've come up with the details; you come up with the rest – and don't forget a Frisbee or a volleyball, sunblock, a hat, and a pair of sunglasses.

Enjoy some healthy fun in the sun!

Grilled Turkey Burgers with Roasted Onion Topping

(makes 4 servings)

- 2 medium onions
- 1/2 cup apple juice
- 1 tablespoon ketchup
- 1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 10 ounces ground skinless turkey breast
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Prepare grill for a medium fire; spray grill basket with nonstick cooking spray.

Cut onions into 1/2" slices; do not separate into rings. Spray onion slices lightly with nonstick cooking spray and grill in grill basket over hot coals, 3 minutes per side. Remove from heat and dice.

In medium saucepan, combine onions, apple juice, ketchup, mustard, and vinegar; simmer, covered, 30 minutes. Uncover and simmer 5 minutes more. Set aside.

Meanwhile, in medium bowl, combine turkey, salt, and pepper; shape mixture into 4 equal patties.

Grill patties directly over heat 5–6 minutes; turn and grill 5–6 minutes longer, until cooked through. Serve each burger topped with one-fourth of onion mixture.

4 Points.

Per serving: 171 Calories, 8 g. Total Fat, 2 g. Saturated Fat, 39 mg. Cholesterol, 417 mg. Sodium, 9 g. Total Carbohydrates, 1 g. Dietary Fiber, 15 g. Protein, 33 mg. Calcium.

Source: Weight Watchers *Slim Ways Grilling*.

Pasta Salad with Grilled Vegetables

(makes 8 servings)

- 12 ounces ziti or penne pasta
- 1 medium zucchini, cut lengthwise into 1/2" slices
- 1/2 small eggplant, cut lengthwise into 1/2" slices
- 1 medium red bell pepper, quartered
- 2 medium carrots, cut lengthwise into 1/4" slices
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon plain nonfat yogurt
- 1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Prepare grill for a hot fire.

Meanwhile, in large pot of boiling water, cook pasta 12–14 minutes, until tender. Drain and place in serving bowl; set aside and keep warm.

Grill zucchini, eggplant, bell pepper, and carrots about 8–10 minutes, turning once, until slightly charred and fork-tender. Let cool; cut into bite-size pieces. Add with onion to pasta.

In small bowl, whisk together juice, oil, yogurt, mustard, salt, and black pepper. Drizzle dressing over salad and toss well to coat. Divide evenly among 8 plates and serve immediately.

4 Points.

Per serving: 219 Calories, 4 g. Total Fat, 1 g. Saturated Fat, 0 mg. Cholesterol, 98 mg. Sodium, 39 g. Total Carbohydrates, 3 g. Dietary Fiber, 7 g. Protein, 33 mg. Calcium.

Source: Weight Watchers *Slim Ways Grilling*. □

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Wynonna (photo: Randee St. Nicholas)

"Spend the Day on a Movie Set with Ashley Judd," "Spend a Day on the Road with Wynonna," and "Spend the Day at the farm with Naomi" are just a few of the many items to be auctioned off at "The Judd Family and Friends Celebrity Auction," set for Sunday, June 14, at The Wildhorse Saloon in Nashville, Tennessee. The second annual celebrity auction – hosted by Naomi, Ashley, and Wynonna – will be held at the start of Fan Fair week to benefit the Naomi Judd Research Fund for the American Liver Foundation.

The public will have the opportunity to bid on unique and one-of-a-kind personal mementos donated by the Judd family as well as many of their celebrity friends and industry peers. Big-ticket items range from Naomi's full-length mink coat (worn by Ashley in an upcoming movie) and stage costumes from Kathie Lee Gifford, Kenny Rogers, and Kathy Mattea, to passes for *The Tonight Show* and the *TNN/Music City News Awards* as well as "Spend the Day" packages with various celebrities.

Items have been donated by well-knowns such as Oprah Winfrey, U2, ZZ Top, Morgan Freeman, Barry Manilow, Muhammed Ali, Whoopi Goldberg, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Neil Diamond, Larry King, Jay Leno, Linda Ronstadt, Willard Scott, K.T. Oslin, Dolly Parton, Ronald Reagan, Tom Jones, Glen Campbell, Mel Tillis, Darrell Waltrip, Ray

Stevens, Patty Loveless, Travis Tritt, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Lorrie Morgan, Randy Travis, and many more.

Members of the public will want to attend the event, even if they are not planning to bid. There will be a cast of celebrity guests on hand to entertain and visit with attendees. To date, confirmed artists include Tracy Lawrence, Steven Seagal, JoDee Messina, Sons of the Desert, Chely Wright, Gary Chapman, Linda Davis, and several surprise guests. To top it off, Ashley Judd will make her singing debut when she joins both mother and sister on-stage for a special performance.

In addition to live entertainment, Dr. Craig A. Sponseller, M.D., a specialist from St. Louis University's Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology (where Naomi was treated), will be manning a hepatitis information booth to answer questions and distribute information regarding this life-threatening liver disease.

Price of admission is \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance from The Wildhorse Saloon (615-251-1011). Doors open at 6 p.m.

The Naomi Judd Research Fund was founded in 1991 to support research to fight Hepatitis. Naomi, who is the National Spokesperson for the American Liver Foundation, was diagnosed with Hepatitis C in 1990 and is currently in sustained remission. □

Community Calendar

- **Dedication Ceremony** – At 7 p.m. on Monday, June 5, at the office of Individual Financial Planning, Inc. (located at 37283 Huron River Drive, New Boston), a dedication ceremony will be held for a 30-foot lighted flag pole and American flag which overlook the Huron River and an attractive four-faced clock (both items are the result of a generous donation from Peter J. Glaab, Jr., proprietor of Individual Financial Planning). The public is invited to attend.
- **Summer Reading is Dino-mite!** – The Romulus Public Library's Summer Reading Program – "Reading is Dino-mite!" – is about to begin. Registration for children ages three to 13 will be accepted at the Library beginning Monday, June 8. A program of weekly entertainment (each Wednesday at 1 p.m.) will begin June 17; a full schedule of events will appear in the June 12 issue of "the little paper." For more information, call the Library (942-7589) during its regular hours.
- **Basham Hosts Coffee Hour** – State Representative Raymond Basham (D-Taylor) has announced that he will host a coffee hour at the Taylor Community Library (located at 12301 Pardee Road) on Monday, June 15, between 6 and 8 p.m. Basham encourages everyone to stop by, have a cup of coffee, and discuss any issue of interest. For more information, contact the Library (734-287-4840) or Basham (517-373-0852).
- **Romulus Flyers Holds Early Registration** – The Romulus Flyers will hold early registration for the fall football and cheerleading programs at the Romulus Recreation Center on Friday, May 29, from 5 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, May 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A registration fee of \$30 per child (\$15 for each additional family member) must be paid at the time of registration. Parents will need to bring their child's original birth certificate and a copy (if possible). Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, so plan to register early. For more information, please call Sandy Bednar (941-5854).
- **Romulus High School Graduation Information** – Doug Hoffman, Assistant Principal at Romulus High School, has announced the following schedule of graduation-related events: Prom Toast in the High School Atrium (June 2, 6 to 7 p.m.), Senior Prom (June 2, Dearborn Hyatt Regency), Senior Luncheon (June 5, 11 a.m., Clarion Inn), and Commencement (June 6, 11 a.m., Romulus Field House). Admission to the commencement ceremony will be by ticket only. All parents and guests are to be seated no later than 10:45 a.m. (Please arrive early, as seating will not take place when it is disruptive to the quality of the ceremony.) A professional photographer will be taking pictures, and a videotape of the ceremony will be available for purchase. For more information, call Hoffman at 941-2170, ext. 144.
- **Pumpkin Festival Committee Seeks Entertainers, Crafters, Vendors** – The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee is already hard at work, preparing for the second annual Pumpkin Festival in September. The Committee's meetings are held in the Romulus City Hall Community Room (located in the lower level) at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month (next meeting: May 21). Currently, the Committee is seeking entertainers/performers interested in volunteering their talents, as well as crafters and food vendors who would like to participate. For more information, or for a crafter or vendor application, please call Maria Lambert (942-7543) before 6 p.m., or Susan Watts (941-0476) before 8 p.m. Entertainers/performers may call Ellen Bragg (942-9207) between 3 and 8 p.m.
- **RHS Class of 1958 Reunion** – Romulus High School's Class of 1958 will hold its 30-year reunion on October 17, 1998. For more information, contact Carol Graczyk (734-427-7004) or Janet Miller (734-697-7483).
- **Alumni Information Sought** – Romulus High School is working with the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., to create an alumni directory. The goal of the project is to place all of the current residential and professional information on each of the school's graduates in one place. To make the directory as comprehensive as possible, the current names, addresses, and phone numbers of graduates from all class years are needed. Anyone with pertinent information should phone (800-654-4548) or FAX (800-829-4142) it to Harris Publishing, or mail it to Charlene Davenport (Publicity Coordinator, c/o Graduate Connection, Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, 22 Koger Center, Norfolk, Virginia 23502) as soon as possible.
- **Give Your Child a Head Start** – The Romulus Head Start program is currently accepting applications for eligible three- and four-year-old children. This free preschool program, located at Beverly School, serves children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For more information, or to apply, call 728-7815.
- **Registrations Accepted at St. Aloysius School** – St. Aloysius Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 1998-1999 school year for its all-day, five-day kindergarten program as well as for grades one through eight. The school is located near I-275 and I-94 in Romulus. For more information, call 941-3340.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038

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Obituary

Darlene Weant

Darlene Weant of Lake City, Florida, died on Thursday, May 14, 1998, at the age of 69. A native of Hamlin, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Bennie Theodore and Stella Lawson Chandler, and the widow of the late Homer J. Weant.

Surviving Darlene are four sons, Jimmy (Betty) Foust (Detroit, MI); Roy (Shirley) Hatfield, Jr. (Tineville, WV), Ronald (Peggy) Hatfield (Oceana, WV), and Eddie (Elizabeth) Tackett (Crown, WV); one daughter, Judy (Kenny) Lyons (Oceana, WV); one step-son, Howard (Marie) Weant (Lake City, FL); two step-daughters, Linda (Terry) Brooks and

Wendy (George) Williams (all of Lake City, FL); three brothers, Charles (Dolly) Chandler (Crown, WV), Don (Wanda) Chandler (Lake City, FL), and Junior (Shirley) Chandler (Lake City, FL); three sisters, Gladys Bailey (Pineville, WV), Betty (Larry) Trent (Brooksville, FL), and Linda (Larry) Mullins (Brooksville, FL); 26 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren.

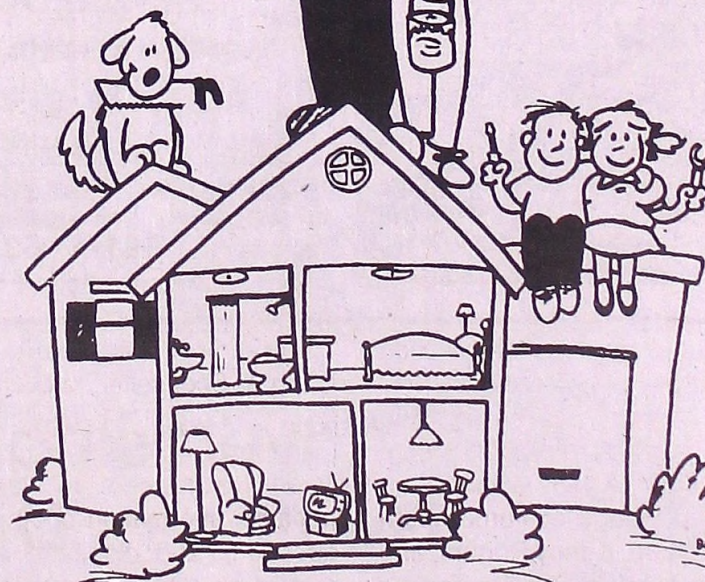
A funeral service was held on Sunday, May 17, at Guerry Funeral Home, with the Reverend Jim Steele officiating. Interment was at Forest Lawn Memorial Garden. □



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